

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The first thing for this issue is to explain why it is so late! Firstly, there have been a few trips, including NTSS-2005 in Milwaukee, then a trip up to Sault Ste. Marie in Michigan to give a talk to the Michigan Entomological Society and then another trip to Arnprior in Ontario for the Dragonfly Society of America meeting. In addition to that, we have had some work done on the house which interrupted normal operations, together with a few more minor problems. Added to that was the fact that some input from contributors was a bit later than I had hoped.

Now, we are faced with a major problem in that Randy Shore, your Ornithology column sub-editor, is having to give up that job due to other demands on his time and a waning interest in stamps. Obviously, a large number of our members are collectors of birds on stamps and the loss of that column would probably end up with a loss of membership. So, I am appealing for a volunteer to be the new editor for Ornithology.

Randy also sent a very long column for his last - some 25 pages, and I have had to split this in half as we already had a good many pages from our other editors and we have to try and keep the overall weight of the journal below the next step in the postal rate. It is good that we have many members using the website, as that keeps the mailing costs within reason.

Complicating matters birdwise was a longer column from Chuck Braun as he had missed the deadline (or I gave him the wrong one!). I decided that it was important at least to get the new birds in even though some of them will not be seen in the new issues column until the next Biophilately.

The National Topical Stamp Show in Milwaukee was a great success, with a huge vote of thanks going to Ray and Karen Cartier for all their hard work - they seem to be indefatigable! Of course, we also have to thank the local folks from the area stamp club and our ATA President, Bob Mather, who had a great deal to do with the show organisation - well done all!!!

At the Unit Officers & Editors meeting, finances were discussed and it was noted that life members from a number of ATA Units were sending in contributions from time to time and we have some Biology Unit members to thank for contributions to our Unit, namely John Kohlman, Paul Grimstad, Cyril Salkin and Fred Skvara.

That just about wraps it up for now, except to say that we have been having a heat wave here in Ontario - almost rivalling the heat generally found far south of our location. Thank goodness for air conditioning!

Until next time.

Alan J. Hanks

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